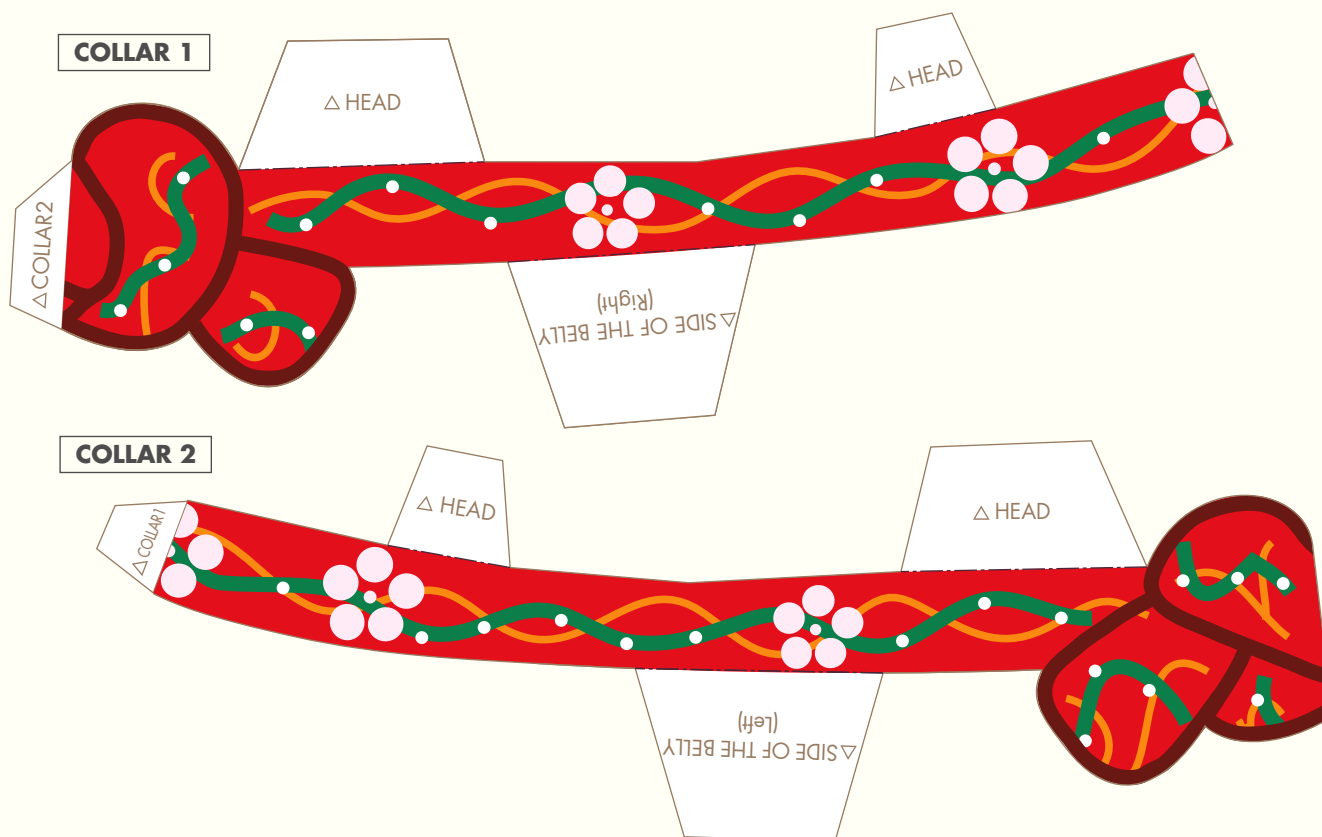
# MANEKI NEKO (Lucky cat)

## Beckoning people

The Maneki-neko, or "beckoning cat", is a widely recognizable figure, beloved in Japan as a lucky cat that beckons good fortune. Most people in Japan use similar gestures to beckon someone over, by waving their hands up and down with their palms facing down.

There are various theories about the origin of the Maneki-neko and, even today, no one is certain as to which explanation is the correct one. The Maneki-neko is believed to have originated towards the end of the Edo Period (1603-1867) and eventually developed into the decorative ornament it is today. Folklore has it that the raised paw of the Maneki-neko has meaning. The raised left paw is believed to attract "people (customers)", and the figurines can be seen displayed in many shops with the hope of achieving a "thriving business".

Many of the older varieties of Maneki-neko have their left paw raised, and most of these are seen with a gold bell on the collar or with a small gold coin, called a "koban", on the collar. Written on the koban are the words "Fuku" (good fortune) and "Fukuju" (good fortune and longevity).

Perhaps the idea that beckoning many people draws good fortune was eventually reflected on the words on the koban.

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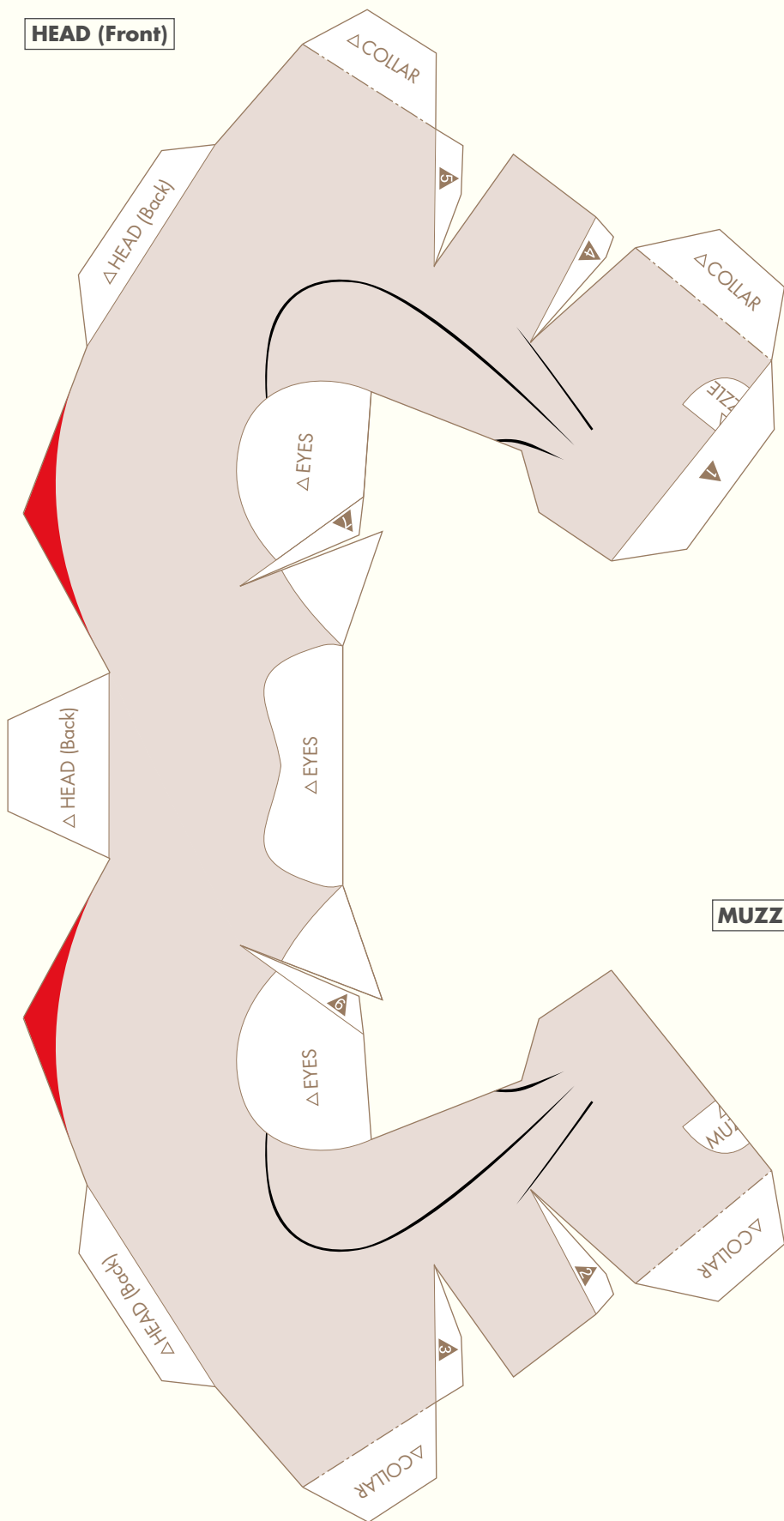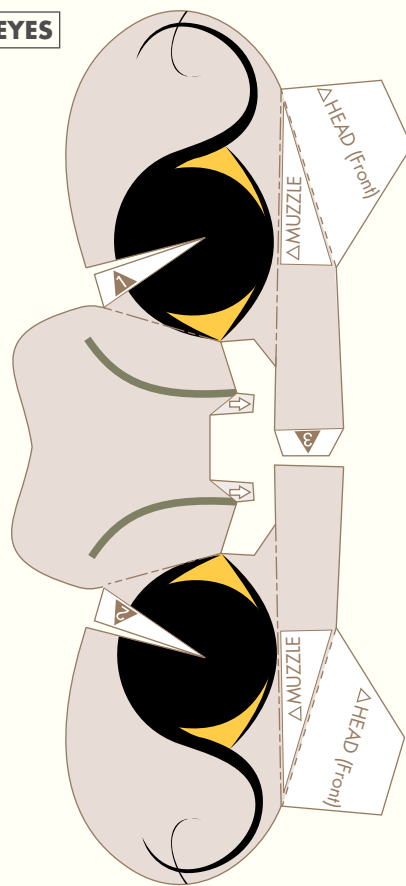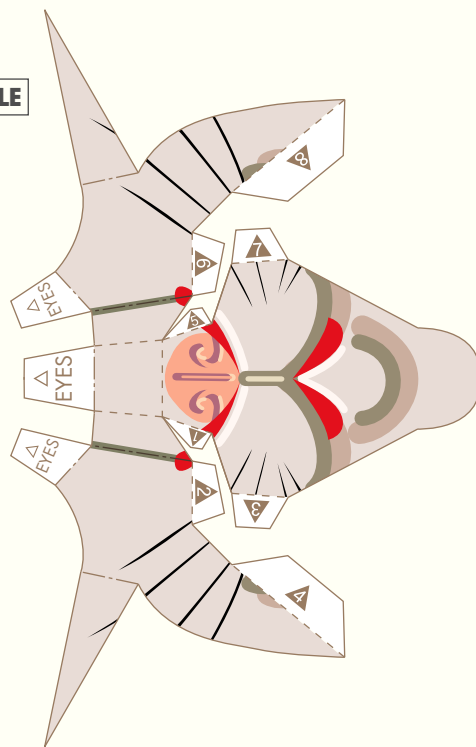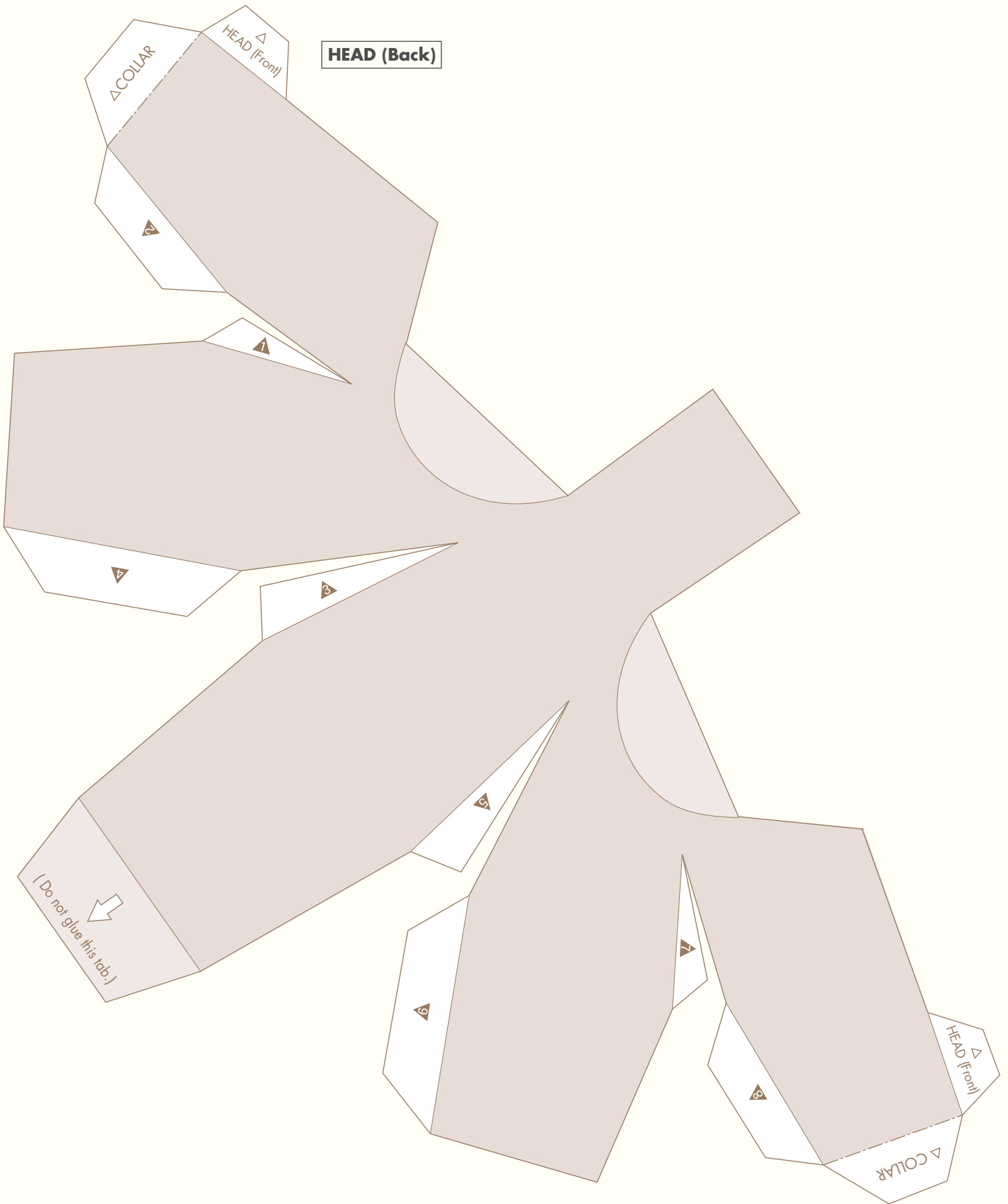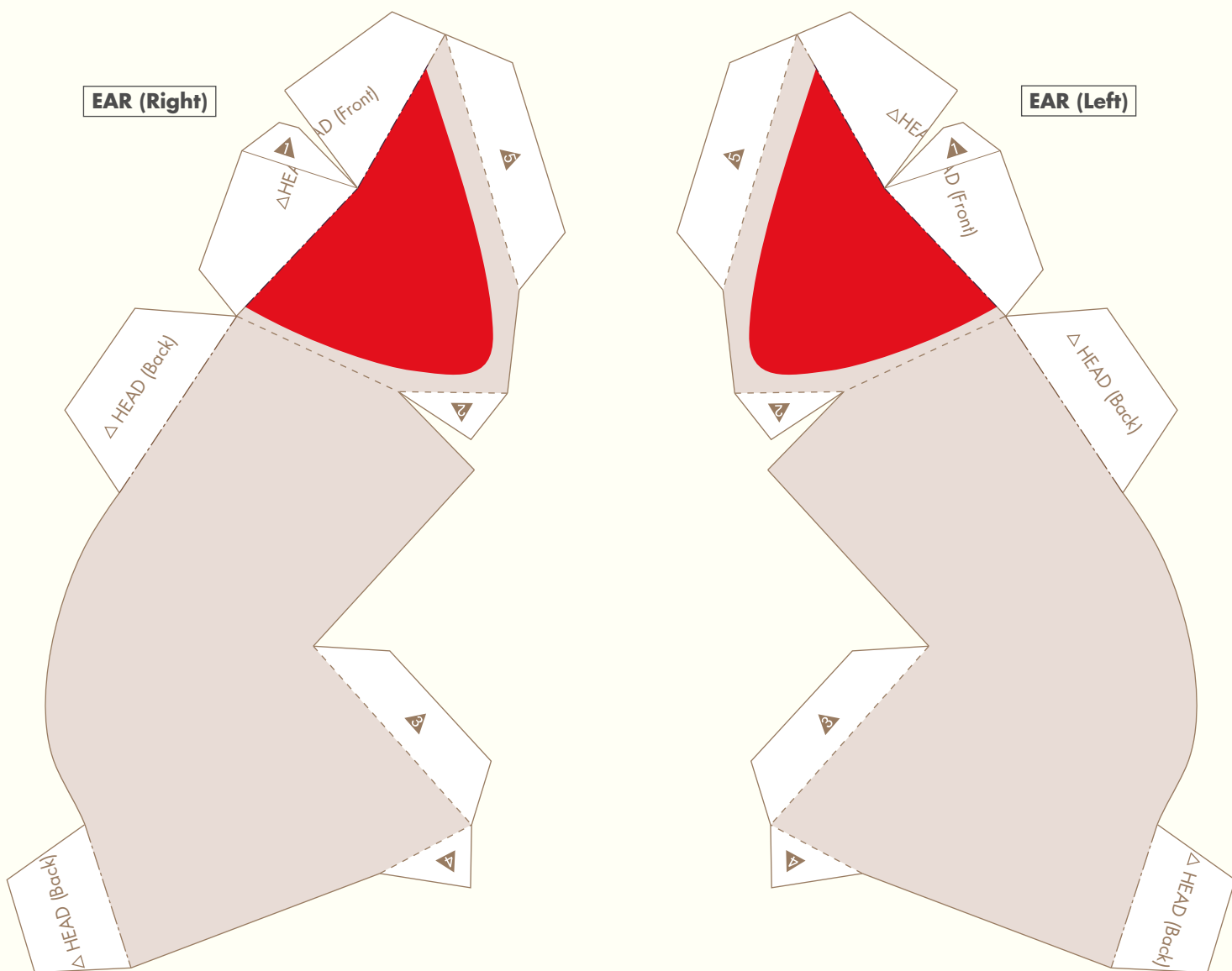
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△ HEAD (Front)
△ COLLAR

ARM (Left) 1
△ ARM (Left) 2
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△ ARM (Left) 2
△ SIDE OF THE BELLY (Left)
SIDE OF THE BELLY (Left) △
Here, apply glue on the reverse side
ARM (Left) 2
△ ARM (Left) 1
△ ARM (Left) 1

SHOULDER (Right)
SIDE OF THE BELLY (Right)
BELLY
KOBAN
FUKUJU KOBAN
(GOOD FORTUNE AND LONGEVITY COIN)
福寿
BELLY
SHOULDER (Right)
KOBAN
SIDE OF THE BELLY (Left)
FEET

SIDE OF THE BELLY (Right)
△FEET
△FEET
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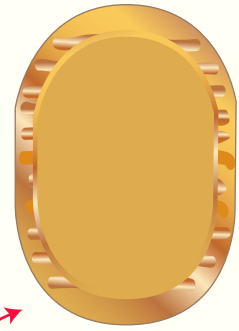
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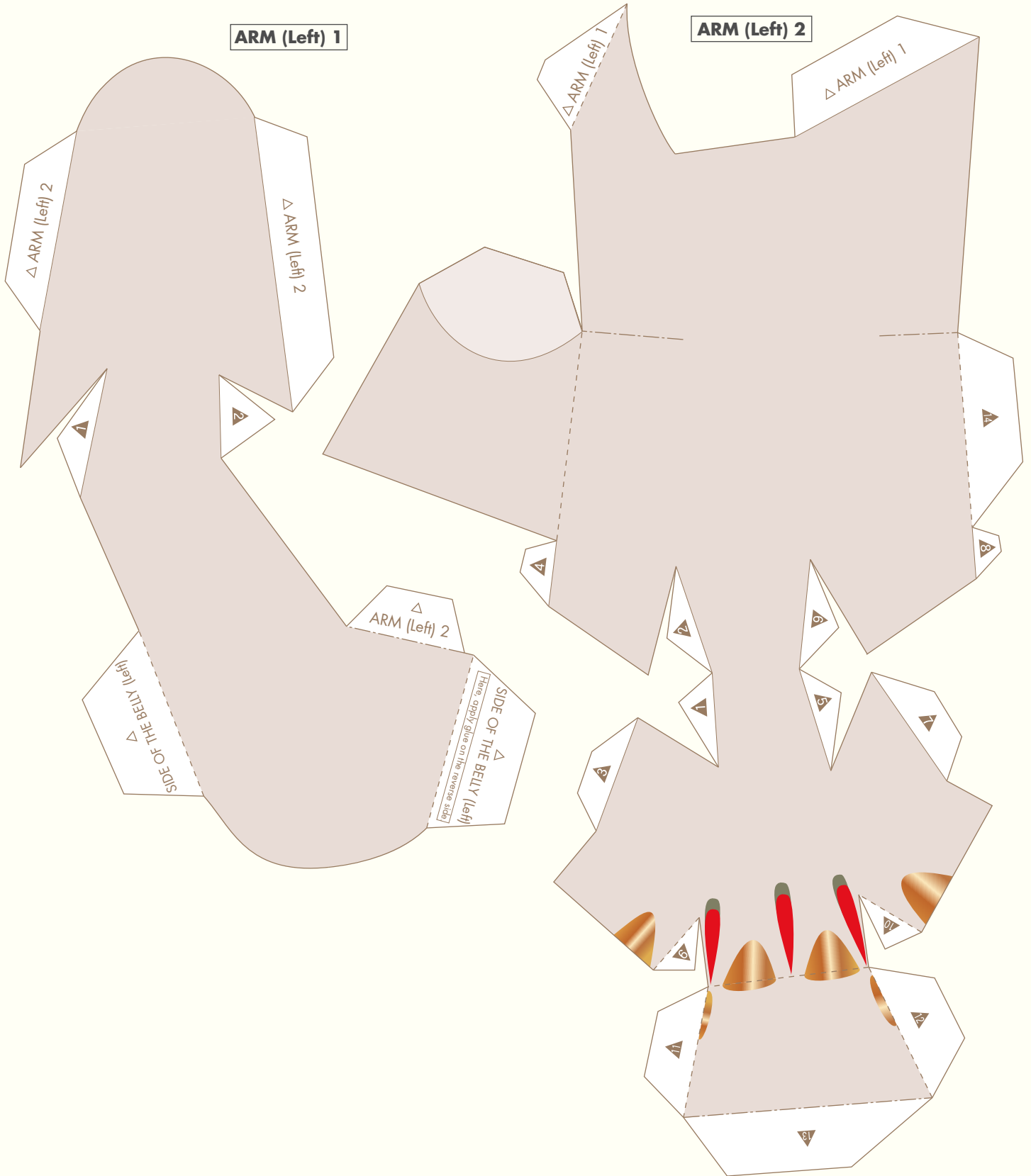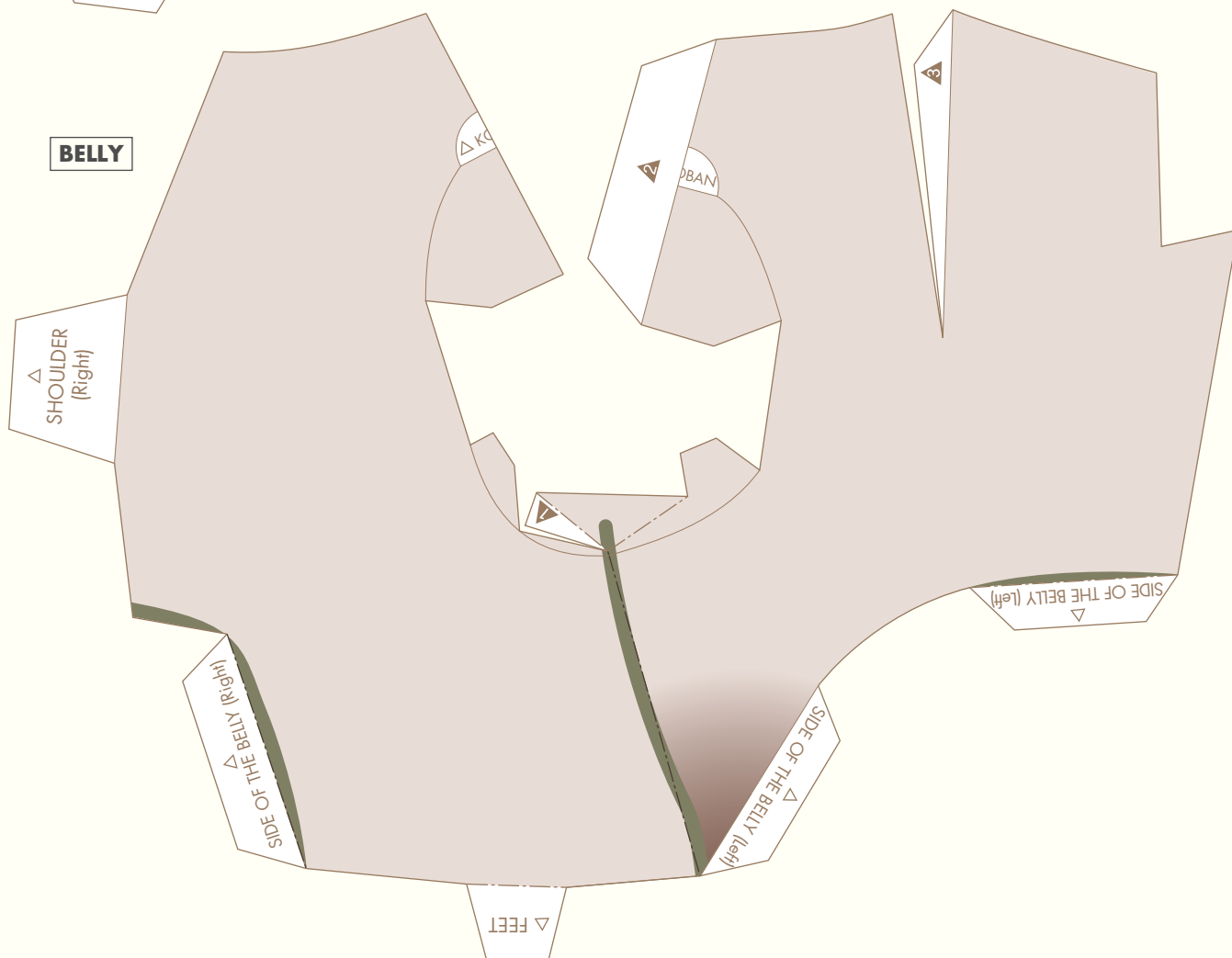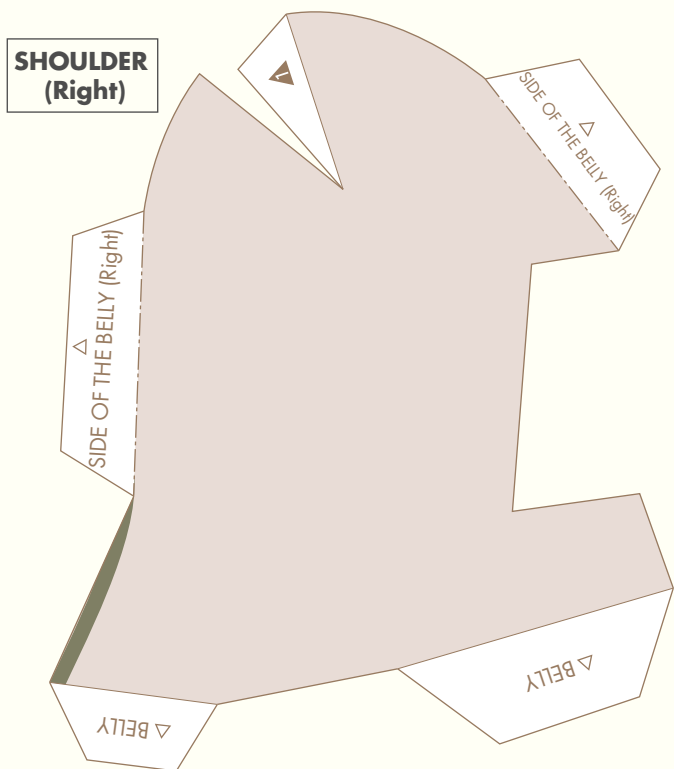
BACK
SIDE OF THE BELLY(Left)
SIDE OF THE BELLY (Right)
SIDE OF THE BELLY (Left)
SIDE OF THE BELLY (Right)

FEET
△ BELLY
△ BELLY
△ SIDE OF THE BELLY (left)
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